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The Peacebuilding Commission condemns in the strongest possible terms the resurgence of violence in the Central African Republic, in particular the activities conducted by the Seleka coalition of rebel groups and its occupation of the cities of Ndele, Sam Ouandja, Bamingui, Bria, Kabo, Batangafo and Bambari.

These acts undermine the fragile progress made in the country's peacebuilding efforts, which the Government of the Central African Republic has pursued notably by engaging with the Peacebuilding Commission since July 2008.

The Peacebuilding Commission calls upon all parties to exercise restraint and cease all violence, in particular that directed at the civilians of the occupied cities, and to cease all looting and the destruction of infrastructure.

The Peacebuilding Commission also calls for an immediate return to the negotiating table by all parties involved and calls upon them to pursue a solution to the crisis through national dialogue on the basis of the 2008 Libreville Comprehensive Peace Agreement and to address all grievances on both sides in a non-violent and participatory way.

The Peacebuilding Commission calls upon all partners of the Central African Republic to work in unison towards the stabilization of the security situation. The Commission also calls upon regional partners and other members of the international community to continue to provide the Government of the Central African Republic with the necessary support towards peacebuilding and to provide support to the displaced populations as a result of the ongoing violence.

The Peacebuilding Commission welcomes the holding of an extraordinary meeting of the Heads of State of the Economic Community of Central African States in N'Djamena on 21 December and fully supports its decisions, in particular its decision to not resort to the military option to resolve the situation and to resume as soon as possible negotiations in Libreville with a view to revisiting the 2008 Libreville Comprehensive Peace Agreement and the recommendations of the 2008 inclusive political dialogue.

The Peacebuilding Commission fully supports the Security Council press statement on the Central African Republic issued on 19 December (SC/10867).

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